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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Electrical Examiners

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: January 07, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel Creedon, President, Professional Member Bobby Murrian, Vice-President, Professional Member Michael Travers, Continued Education, Professional Member Robert MacLennan, Professional Member Frank Beebe, Public Member Thomas Hartley, Complaint Officer, Professional Member Nathan Schreppler, Board Secretary, Public Member Richard Millar, Public Member

ABSENT

William Poore, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General Maggie Strauss, Administrative Specialist II

OTHERS PRESENT

Joe Crumlish
John Crossley

John Crumlish
Chester Kelly
Barbara DelMastro

John Crossley
Michael Crumlish
Jameel Bolden
Tony Neal

Joseph Sparco

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Creeden called the meeting to order at 0904.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Murrian, to approve the meeting minutes from October 1, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposal to Deny Hearing of Joseph P. Crumlish

Mr. Maloney called the hearing to order at 9:05a and stated that today's hearing was a result of the Board's proposal to deny the Journeyperson application of Joseph P. Crumlish.

The Board members were introduced. Mr. Maloney explained that the Board proposed to deny the application because Mr. Crumlish had prior convictions related to the profession of electrical services under 17.1.31 of the Rules and Regulations. Mr. Maloney marked as Board Exhibit #1 the application, supporting documents and correspondence related to today's hearing; and a letter from Mr. Crumlish's attorney submitted by Mr. Crumlish as respondent's exhibit #1. Mr. Crumlish was sworn in.

Mr. Crumlish began his testimony by stating his conviction was more than 5 years ago, and that he is not currently serving any portion of that sentence, nor is he on probation. Mr. Crumlish did indicate he has a pending charge from 2013, and explained the circumstances of that charge of the Board.

Mr. Crumlish called his first witness, Mr. Sparco to testify. After being sworn in, Mr. Sparco stated that he has employed Mr. Crumlish for the past $2-2\frac{1}{2}$ years, and couldn't ask for a better employee. He is considerate, has missed no unscheduled time and provides a great example of good work ethic.

The second witness, John Crumlish, was sworn in. He began his testimony by stating that his son has worked hard in the past 5-6 years to turn his life around. He wants to move on from his past mistakes, and electrical work has provided him with a focus to do that. Mr. Crumlish respectively asked the Board to grant his son a license so he could pursue his career as an electrician.

Mr. Crumlish called his third and final witness, Mike Crumlish. Prior to testimony, Mr. Crumlish was sworn in by Mr. Maloney. Mr. Crumlish stated that his nephew has always been a great help to him. He's a good guy who deserves a second chance.

Mr. Creedon asked Mr. (Joseph) Crumlish how many years he had left to finish in his apprenticeship, to which he replied 1; he needed to complete his 4th year as a contingency of rejoining the union.

The Board went into deliberations at 9:15a. They reviewed the letters submitted by Mr. Crumlish and felt that he provided more than adequate information from his references. Mr. Hartley stated that Mr. Crumlish did an excellent job representing himself today, the Board members agreed. After considering testimony at today's hearing, they felt Mr. Crumlish was entitled to have a license considering the length of time that has passed since his conviction.

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, second by Mr. Travers to approve Mr. Crumlish's application for apprentice licensure. The motion carried unanimously. The hearing went off record and adjourned at 09:36. Verbatim testimony is available via audio recording.

Proposal to Deny Hearing of Jameel R. Bolden

Mr. Maloney called the hearing to order at 9:17a and stated that today's hearing was a result of the Board's proposal to deny the Journeyperson application of Jameel R. Bolden.

The Board members were introduced. Mr. Maloney explained that the Board proposed to deny the application because Mr. Shaw had prior convictions related to the profession of electrical services under 17.1.27, 17.1.2, 17.1.26, 17.1.23, 17.1.27, and 17.1.22 of the Rules and Regulations. Mr. Maloney marked as Board Exhibit #1 the application, correspondence and supporting documents related to today's hearing and letters of character reference submitted by Mr. Bolden as respondent's exhibit #1. Mr. Bolden was sworn in.

Mr. Bolden testified that he was indeed convicted in of the crimes indicated by the Board, but felt he was entitled to a license in DE based on the completion of his sentencing and the length of time that has passed since his crime. Mr. Bolden further stated that worked hard to get where he is today; he completed 4 years of education, but did not complete his on-the-job training due to medical reasons. He would like to continue working in the electrical trade.

Mr. Bolden called his first witness, Ms. DelMastro. After being sworn in by Mr. Maloney, she testified that she has known Mr. Bolden since he came to The Way Home in 2007. He is a man of faith and integrity, and she has never had any trouble with or from him. Mr. DelMastro went on to state that he cannot change his past, but he can work hard to better his future.

Mr. Bolden's second witness, Mr. Neal was sworn in. He testified that he is a case manager at The Way Home and has known Mr. Bolden for several years. He is definitely not the person he was 17 years ago, and is a changed man.

Mr. Murrian asked Mr. Bolden if he had any proof of hands-on experience, to which Mr. Bolden indicated he did, but not the full 8,000 hours.

The Board went into deliberations at 09:35. The members were in agreement that enough time had passed since the conviction, and Mr. Shaw provided adequate testimony to support that decision. However, Mr. Bolden would need to supply proof of experience totaling 8,000 hours to qualify for a Journeyman's' license.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Murrian to deny the Journeyperson application of Jameel Bolden, but approve the renewal of his Apprentice license in order for him to complete the required hours for journeyperson licensure. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Maloney confirmed that Mr. Bolden understood the Board's motion, to which he indicated yes. Mr. Bolden then thanked the Board for their time and consideration. The hearing went off record and adjourned at 09:44a. Verbatim testimony is available via audio recording.

Mr. Creedon called for a short recess at 0945. The meeting reconvened at 1004.

Review & Consideration of Orders

The Board reviewed and signed the final orders of Conrith A. Shaw and Jeffrey Morris.

Re-Review of Applications

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Murrian to propose to deny the electrician applications of Michael Burdett and Wayne A. Roberts. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Murrian to impose a final denial on the electrical application of Randy French. The motion carried unanimously.

Application Approval

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Hartley to approve contingent, upon receipt of a legible DOL issued certificate of completion, the Journeyperson application of Matthew R. Evans. The Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Examination Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, second by Mr. MacLennan to approve the applications of Lorrie Gregory, Joseph N. DeWitt, John E. Patterson, Stephen DiSilvestri, Wesley A. Cleaver, Caleb A. Burns, Virgil Ciupei, John Petrucci, Scott Hummel, Jesse Hasty, Brian Stillman, Matthew A. Tucker and John Crossley to sit for the Master Electrician exam. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, second by Mr. MacLennan to table the Journeyperson application of Christopher Heller for proof of apprenticeship completion. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, second by Mr. MacLennan to approve contingent the Journeyperson application of William D'Angelo to sit for the exam upon receipt of verification of licensure from PA. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Reciprocity Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Schreppler, second by Mr. Beebe to approve the reciprocal applications of James Pigntello and Robert Brooks. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Schreppler, second by Mr. Beebe to table the reciprocal applications of David A. Ferrara, Douglas G. Johanson and Charles Lynch, III for proof of experience. The motion carried unanimously.

Ratification of Applications

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Murrian to accept the ratification of Apprentice Electrician applications of: Conrith Adell Shaw, Derek Allen Kellett, Michael J Shinault, William C Carver, Richard Forrest, Kevin Albert Ward, Shane M. Palmer, Attilio Cafini, Jr.,

Stephen R DeJohn, Tremont A Hughes, Jose Jr. Santana, Machelle G. Williams, Christopher J. Gralewski

James M. Messick and Sean Michael Lutz-Swank. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Murrian to accept the ratification of Journeyperson Electrician applications of: Jordan Richard Tulowitzki, Harvey J. Atkins, Aaron K. Crow and Andrew J. Henry. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. MacLennan, second by Mr. Murrian to accept the ratification of Master Electrician applications of Christopher J. Hogan and Ronald Edward Ervin. The motion carried unanimously.

Applications for Review - Deputy Attorney General

Under guidance from Mr. Maloney, a motion was made by Mr. Beebe, second by Mr. Travers to approve the applications of Kenneth O. Banning, David M. Ellison, Jr. and Jeffrey D. Smith, Sr. The motion carried unanimously.

Complaints Status

01-12-13 - Attorney General

01-17-13 – Assigned

01-23-13 - Closed

01-01-14 - Assigned

01-09-14 - Closed

01-11-14 - Attorney General

01-15-14 - Assigned

01-16-14 - Assigned

01-17-14 - Assigned

01-19-14 - Attorney General

01-20-14 - Attorney General

01-21-14 - Attorney General

01-23-14 - Attorney General

01-24-14 - Attorney General

01-25-14 - Closed

01-26-14 - Attorney General

01-27-14 - Attorney General

01-28-14 - Attorney General

01-29-14 - Attorney General

01-30-14 - Assigned

01-31-14 - Closed

01-32-14 - Assigned

01-33-14 - Assigned

01-34-14 - Assigned

Continued Education

A motion was made by Mr. Creedon, second by Mr. MacLennan, to approve the requested continuing education courses as follows, and the motion carried unanimously:

National Code Seminars

Introduction to the 2014 NEC - 10hrs

Broad Run Consultants (re-Review)

Understanding the NEC code Ch. 1-4 – 8hrs Hazard Recognition for Electrical Workers – 8hrs

United Electric Supply

NFPA 70E: 2015 Edition Changes – 3hrs

BlueVolt

2014 NEC Code Changes, Part II – 7hrs 2014 NEC Code Changes, Low Voltage – 4hrs

Electric Education Center, LLC

HVAC and NEC Rules – 8 hrs NFPA 70E Introduction – 8hrs

First State Inspection Agency

NEC Test Preparation – 5hrs 2014 NEC Changes – 5hrs

The Electrical Association of Philadelphia

High Voltage Systems: Equipment & Safety – 8hrs Identifying Power Quality Issues – 8 hrs

Code Instruction Services, Inc.

2014 Residential Changes – 5hrs 2014 NEC Changes – 5hrs 2014 Commercial Changes – 5hrs

IBEW Local Union 313 JATC

Local Union Apprenticeship – maximum Basic Welding for the Electrician – 5hrs

Significant Changes to the NEC (Part I) – 5hrs

Significant Changes to the NEC (Part II) – 5hrs

Significant Changes to the NEC (Part III) – 5hrs

First Aid for Electricians - 4hrs

Basic Life Support for Electricians – 4hrs

NFPA 70E (Electrical Safety-Related Practices) – 10hrs

NFPA 70E (Electrical Safety-Related Practices – Blended Learning) – 10hrs

Motor Control (Level I) – 3hrs

Motor Control (Level II) - 3hrs

Rigging & Lifting for the Electrical Worker

OSHA 10 Hour Construction with Process Safety Management – 5hrs

Applied Codeology - 10hrs

NEC Basics - 3hrs

High Voltage Splicing and Termination (TE Connectivity) – 8hrs

High Voltage Splicing and Termination (Prysmian) – 8hrs

Review of Proposed Regulation Changes (including crimes list)

The Board reviewed the list of proposed regulation changers drafted by Mr. Maloney & Ms. Strauss. The Board agreed they would like to change the wording in 6.3 from "contractor" to "employer", clarify 10.1.9 rather than strike it in its entirety and revise the language in 11.2 to state "W2 or other tax documents..." Mr. Maloney will make the revisions and present them for review at the January meeting. If approved, he will then proceed with the regulations change hearing process.

Mr. Creedon recessed the meeting at 1055 and reconvened at 1102

Proposed Changes to the Licensure Laws

The Board reviewed and discussed the statutory changes drafted by Mr. Maloney. They request Mr. Maloney add language to require reciprocal applicants to pass the required exam to 1409. Under advisement from Ms. Strauss, the Board agreed to specifically indicate what can/cannot be done under the scope of a Homeowner's permit rather than strike it in its entirety. Mr. Maloney will get a draft of proposed changes to the Division Director for presentation at the first 2015 Legislative session.

Miscellaneous Review & Discussion

Mr. Creedon reviewed information he received from Cecil County, MD indicating they have adopted the 2014 NEC effective November 4, 2014.

Mr. Creedon reviewed with the Board a request from Joe Headly. It was determined that he should submit a CE approval request form along with all of the supporting documents for approval.

Mr. Creedon shared with the Board a letter from Prometric regarding the use of a separate testing facility if necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board answered questions as presented from American Lighting and Signalization, Inc.

The Board answered questions as presented in a letter from American Inspection Agency.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Ms. Strauss provided the Board members with the 2015 exam schedule received from Prometric. She also indicated it would be posted on the website as soon as possible.

Mr. Hartley indicated he would represent the Board of Electrical Examiners at the November 18, 2014 Fire Commission/Fire Marshal meeting. He would provide a letter indicating the Board supports DE adopting the 2014 NEC.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Crossley asked the Board if he could take the last 2014 exam with Prometric, to which they replied he would need to contact Prometric directly to see if that was allowed.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be held on January 7, 2015 at 08:30 Cannon Building 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware, Conference Room A, 2nd floor.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Beebe, second by Mr. MacLennan, to adjourn the meeting at 1152. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Strauss Administrative Specialist II